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Mr. William E. Colby
 Director of Central Intelligence
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

Recently, R.E. Hineman asked for my reactions to a proposed reassignment to the Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC) of those weapon system intelligence activities which formerly were under the Scientific Intelligence Committee. The proposal included a significant expansion of GMAIC's current charter and, naturally, a name change for that committee. I greatly appreciate being given the opportunity to comment on the proposal in advance of full United States Intelligence Board (USIB) consideration. However, I believe that the concept of a single committee charged with providing you and the IC Staff technical support over such a wide scope has several serious but avoidable pitfalls.

With the emphasis that the new Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee will be giving to the more basic sciences and technology, it is apparent that a revitalized committee approach on ground, naval and aircraft weapon systems is needed now. Clearly, GMAIC has continually done an excellent job in its assigned area. Nevertheless, I believe that with the additional committee workload requirements now being generated in the area of collection and processing resource management information for the IC Staff, and the trend toward having certain key interagency studies for the National Intelligence Officers done by one of the USIB technical committees, we already have imposed a peak workload on GMAIC. I am concerned that further expansion of GMAIC's scope of responsibility would detrimentally overburden that capability, and would result in both reduced committee responsiveness and product quality.

In my view, there should be established a separate technical Weapon Systems Committee, equivalent to GMAIC with DIA chairmanship and support staffing, to address these matters, while leaving the GMAIC operations unaltered. The various subcommittee chairmanships under the new committee would normally be provided by the Military Service technical intelligence production agencies. This latter approach would have the

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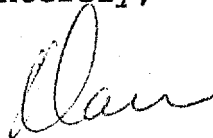
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benefit of getting the appropriate Service intelligence production agencies more directly involved in assisting USIB in their speciality areas without involving additional tasking mechanisms which could subvert established DoD Scientific and Technical Intelligence Program authorities.* I recognize that occasionally technical committee interface problems regarding different parts of a guided missile system and its carrier platform will arise and will require careful coordination between committee chairman. In these instances, the GMAIC Chairman should be given the authority to assign responsibility and insure coordination.


If you agree with the above rationale for a separate committee, DIA can take the lead in the drafting of a proposed Weapons Systems Committee Charter and revised Director of Central Intelligence Directive.

Sincerely,



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* P.S. This is a key matter for me. Pot less delicately, I need a DIA/DT man in charge of the new committee or the Service S and T types will use the USIB structure to end run my management authority. This would get me in very hot water with DOD/JCS and in the long run destroy the advantages to the Community of this needed initiative.



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